

A PROCLAMATION CONCERNING

RYNGE CORNE.



FOR AS MOCHE as come of all greynes, and specially wheate and rye, is sodaynly enhauuced at vnreasonable prices, and one speciall cause is by occasion, that it is vsed for a common marchandise, and most commonly bought by suche persons, as haue plentie of theyr owne growth, to the entente to make a berthe therof: and druerse husbandmen and farmers do colourliche bringis for seide, where they haue no suche necessitie to do: for reformation wherof the kynges moste royal maiestie, wyllyng that his lounge subiectes shuld be prouided of corne at reasonable prices, considering that (thanks be to god) there is no iuste grounde or cause, why suche greyne shulde be so high enhauuced in price, as it is: but that the enhancement therof groweth by the occasion aforesayd, and by the subtile inuention and craft of druers couetous persons, hauing conuenient plentie of the same: Dothe therefore straitly charge and commaunde, that no person nor persons, after this present proclamation, till his graces pleasure be further knowen, shall bie or bargayne any wheate or rye to sell agayne, excepte hit be to be conueyed by water or lande for prouision of the cite of London or other cities or townes, hauinge necessitie therof, or to bake in bread to be solde to his subiectes, or els for prouision of Yelande flete: And suche as shall bie for any suche causes, shall fynde sureties to one of the commissioners assigned for serche of corne: to employe it accordingly. And that no person, hauinge wheate or rye of his owne tilthe and growth, or by prouision of his bienge, sufficient to fynde his familie and household and for his seide, shall bye any suche greyne, vpon payne that euery offender contrary to the premises or any parte therof, shall not onely incurre into his graces moste hygh displeasure and indignation, but also suffer imprisonment, and make fyne at his pleasure. And also that no persone, occupieng tillage and husbandry, shall bie any wheate or rye for seide, vntill it be fyrste examined and proued before one or two of the commissioners assigned for serche of corne, that such persone hath necessitie to bye suche seide, or els that such persone so bringe any wheate or rye for seide within. but. dayes after the bringe therof, do bringe as moche of his owne wheate or rye, not paynge able for seide, into the markette, and there selle the same to the kyngis subiectes, hauinge nede therof for keepinge of theyr houses, and bringe a certificate to one of the sayd commissioners from the bayliffe or other chiefe officer of the markette, where he shall so sel his corne, that he hath solde the same: vpon payne that euery offender to the contrary herof to incurre the daunger, paynes, imprisonment, and fyne aboue remembred.

And also his maiestie straitly chargeth and commaundeth, that no person or persons shall regate or engrose any manner of corne, vpon payne of imprisonment and forfeiture of al theyr goodes and cattails. And that euery of his subiectes, hauinge corne of theyr owne tilthe or by prouision of theyr bringe, more than wyl suffice for theyr families, householdes, & seide, shall supplye the markettis with the ouerplus from tyme to tyme, by the order of the commissioners assigned for the same, and there sell at reasonable prices: and obey the said commissioners in all suche orders, as they shall take for the due execution of theyr commission. vpon payne of imprisonment and fyne making at his graces will.

And ouer this the kynges highnes straitly chargeth and commaundeth al and singular his Iustices of pees, mayres, shireffes, bayliffes, constables, and all other his lounge subiectes, that they and euery of them shall put theyr true diligence and effectuell endeoures for the due execution of this his gracious proclamation, and to make relation of the offenders therof to the sayd commissioners assigned for serche of corne, or to the lorde Chauncellour of Englande and other his most honorable counsell from tyme to tyme, as shall apperteyn, as they wyl answer to his highnes at theyr bettermost ples.

GOD SAVE THE KYNGE

The. Berthelet regis impressor
excebat.

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